Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether these officers are permanently placed in the Cochin State establishment or in British or Travancore ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* They are in the Cochin State establishment.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Are they full time officers ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN LITTORAL TRACTS

20. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the acute unemployment in the littoral areas, and if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government state whether any steps are taken to remedy this condition ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* The problem of unemployment is not special to the littoral areas. Broadly speaking, it is less acute in the littoral areas than in other parts of the State. The educated unemployed are being absorbed into the public services as far as possible, and such help as is in the power of Government to render to the industries and occupations in which the uneducated unemployed are engaged in, is being given.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether petitions were received by the Government regarding unemployment among the workers in the cocoanut husk industry ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* When were the petitions received ?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* For one or two months there have been complaints about the difficulty of carrying on this trade and Government have almost finished the preliminary work to find a central place in Cochin to stock these coir and in seven or eight days it will be an accomplished fact. It is a very difficult problem and one does not know how to proceed in this matter, because unless we are very careful, it will be a heavy loss. Government will do whatever they can.

Mr. President : Apart from what the Hon'ble Minister has done orders have just now been passed for spending about 85 thousand rupees for the littoral areas for opening of new roads by

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taking up immediately the Road Board programme and by advancing amounts in certain cases. Orders have already been issued.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* So Government are convinced that there is unemployment. It is not a general question as regards educated unemployment. My purpose was only to show that there was unemployment in the littoral areas. The question could have been answered more plainly.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):* Government are aware of it. I acknowledge the compliment paid to me.

KIZHAKKUMBHAGAM VILLAGE—GRAZING GROUNDS IN

21. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether survey numbers 284 and 286 in K-2- Kizhakkumbhagam Village were used as grazing ground;

(*b*) how much of this land has been set apart for Depressed Classes Colony;

(*c*) whether there is any pathway to the grazing ground from the termination of the road to the Depressed Classes Colony;

(*d*) if not, what is the distance from that point to the grazing ground;

(*e*) if the owner of the land surrenders free of cost the *jenm* right of the requisite land for the pathway, will it be possible to open the pathway in the year 1115?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Survey numbers 284 and 286/1 of the village are registered as cattle grazing grounds, their extents being 5·65 and 7·75 acres respectively. They are also fit for such a purpose.

(*b*) The whole of survey 286/1.

(*c*) There is no *poramboke* pathway leading direct from the colony to the grazing ground. But there are two winding pathways to the grazing ground.

(*d*) The distance from the colony to the grazing ground is 626 links.

(*e*) The question arises only when the necessary land fo the pathway is freely surrendered by the *jenmies* concerned.

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